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REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 4, 6-30, 32-33, 35-39, 42-43, 45-69, 71-72, 74-78, 82, 84-90, 97-99, and 101-107 are pending in this application. The Examiner rejected independent Claims 4, 32, 42, 71, 82, and 97 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), and indicated that Claims 5-30, 33-39, 43-69, 72-78, 83-90, 98-107 are allowable. In the foregoing amendments, Applicants incorporated the subject matter of Claims 5, 34, 44, 73, 83, and 100 into independent Claims 4, 32, 42, 71, 82, and 97 respectively, cancelled Claims 5, 34, 44, 73, 83, and 100, and clarified the invention. Accordingly, this application should now be in condition for allowance.

Information Disclosure Statement

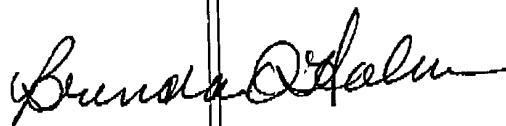
In the Second Response which was submitted on March 10, 2004, Applicants submitted a corrected PTO/SB/08 to correct the publication number of one of the references cited, namely JP8-293,883. The publication number was incorrectly shown as JP8-293,881 on the PTO/SB/08 filed on March 26, 1999, but the submitted reference was correct. Although Applicants requested in the Third and Fourth Responses submitted on November 2, 2004 and August 8, 2005 that the Examiner return the PTO/SB/08 indicating that the Examiner has considered the cited information, no PTO/SB/08 accompanied the Office Action mailed on October 18, 2005. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return the PTO/SB/08 indicating that the Examiner has considered the cited information.

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CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a complete response to the Office Action identified above. This application should now be in condition for allowance, and the Applicants solicit a notice to that effect. If there are any issues that can be addressed via telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned at 404.685.6799.

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